

MINUTES
WEST HARTFORD BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL, ROOM 400

1. The meeting of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee was held in Room 314 of the West Hartford Town Hall on Monday, November 9, 2015 and was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. There were approximately 30 people in attendance.
3. All of the members of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee were in attendance with the exception of James Green and Jamie Sullivan.
4. Ed Pawlak presented a Boulevard Parking/Bicycle Lane Study. He has concluded after many months of testing, that a parking lane on one side of Boulevard could easily be eliminated without having an adverse effect on parking. This would permit the installation of bike lanes on both sides.
5. Scott reported that Bike West Hartford, Inc. received a check from the West Hartford/New Britain Discover Bicycle Ride in the amount of \$5,180.
6. Duane updated information on the new bike lanes on King Philip Drive and Asylum Avenue and reported on the new striping on Mountain Road.
7. Scott reported that the Cranskgiving event will be held on November 21, 2015 at Trinity College Chapel. Registration is 11:30 a.m. for all cyclists. There is a kids ride at noon and the adult ride starts at 12:45.
8. Scott reported on the finances of Bike West Hartford, Inc. and passed around tax returns for the past 2 years. Scott reported that Bike West Hartford, Inc. currently has \$10,379 in its bank account. Scott will meet with the Board of Bike West Hartford, Inc. to discuss use of those funds.
8. There was a long discussion on the North Main Street Road Diet. Maryellen reported on the Bishop's Corner Association Neighborhood meeting. It was discussed that the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee should concentrate on the safety issues not the bicycle lane issues. It was discussed that an outreach program is necessary in order to convince town council that the road diet is a good thing. It was also discussed that we should reach out to real estate agents, and to Fleet Feet. A petition was also discussed.
9. There was also a lengthy discussion on the Bicycle Facilities Plan. There was a long discussion regarding which roads should be designated as bike lanes or a higher facility. Scott mentioned that the Bicycle Facility Subcommittee of Bike West Hartford, Inc. will be meeting with town staff on November 18 to discuss the bicycle network map and the Bicycle Facilities Plan.
10. The next meeting of the WHBAC will be Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 400 of the West Hartford Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott B. Franklin, Chair
West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee
President, Bike West Hartford, Inc.